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TAGS : PEPR, US, TW  
SUBJECT : MISINTERPRETATION OF "PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT"  
- AND NORMALIZATION

REF: USINFO 201713Z MAY 78

1. MOFA-INSPIRED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS USED  
DISTORTED VERSION OF PRESIDENT'S MAY 19 STATEMENT TO  
SERVE NOTICE THAT ROC WILL NOT BE PRESSURED INTO  
NEGOTIATING WITH THE PRC.

2. EDITORIAL ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT THE POSITION THAT  
"NORMALIZATION MUST BE PRECEDED BY (OR IMPLY) PEACEFUL  
SETTLEMENT" BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE ROC. LOOKING AT THE  
GOOD NEWS FIRST, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT IF THIS IS  
TO BE THE REQUIREMENT, THEN "NORMALIZATION IS OUT OF  
THE QUESTION." ON DISCOURAGING SIDE, EDITORIAL WONDERS  
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WHAT PRESIDENT HAS IN MIND, SINCE "CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
IS NOT URGING THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO ACCEPT OUR  
TERMS." EDITORIAL STATES THAT U.S. CANNOT MAKE PEACE  
BETWEEN ROC AND PRC. USG "MIGHT TRY TO TWIST OUR ARM  
BUT CANNOT FORCE US TO DO WHAT WE BELIEVE IS WRONG."  
BESIDES, WHETHER "PEACEFUL OR OTHERWISE, THE SETTLEMENT  
IS NOT THE SPECIFIC CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES" (SIC).

3. WHEN CHINA TIMES PUBLISHED SIMILAR DISTORTED VERSION  
OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS MAY 22, WE CALLED THE ERROR TO  
MOFA'S ATTENTION. THAT THEY NEVERTHELESS ALLOWED OR  
ENCOURAGED CHINA NEWS TO PUBLISH ITS EDITORIAL THE  
FOLLOWING DAY SUGGESTS MOFA FOUND THE DISTORTION USEFUL  
(A) TO SUPPORT THE GROC LINE THAT NORMALIZATION IS  
IMPOSSIBLE AND (B) TO REMIND US THAT GROC WILL NOT BE  
PRESSURED INTO NEGOTIATIONS OR A SETTLEMENT JUDGED  
"FAIR AND PEACEFUL" BY THE UNITED STATES. UNGER

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